



City Administrator's Report

February 16, 2023

Update to City Code Regarding Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Commission

As the Board will recall, changes to the population and form of government in Clay County changed the composition of the TIF Commission per state statute. The total number of members is increased by one while the total number of appointees from the City of Smithville is reduced from six to three.

As staff has been working with Economic Development Counsel in preparation for the 110 Smithville TIF, we were consulting City Code and realized the adopted Code references prior composition. An agenda item will be provided for the Board on the March 7 agenda to revise the Code to reflect these changes. Because this is the only meeting prior to the TIF Commission meeting discussing the 110 Smithville TIF and we believe the City Code should accurately reflect the TIF statute's requirements, the Ordinance will need to be approved as an Emergency on first reading.

Communication from School District Regarding Tax Increment Financing

Attached is a letter from Interim Superintendent of Schools Denise Harwood regarding recent action by the Board of Education regarding Tax Increment Financing. If you have any questions about this communication, please contact me.

Business Licensing

During public comment at the February 7 Board meeting, questions were posed regarding business licensing requirements. The state legislature made some changes last session which affect licensing and staff continues to evaluate those changes and will provide follow up information to the Board at the March 7 meeting.

Snow Response – February 9

The snow event on February 9 took much of the metro area by surprise as it was not initially forecasted. Due to the fact the bulk of the storm occurred in the early hours of the morning, removal created issues during the morning commute. Seven employees from the Street Division were called in at 6:00 am and were joined by crews from R&S Lawn Service (three men and three trucks). The snow started falling early in the morning and by the time it had stopped, the city had received 2½ to 3 inches of very wet and heavy snow.

The temperature at the start of the snow event was 33 degrees and raised to 40+ degrees later in the day. Both the City's staff and R&S used about 15 tons of salt to clear the roads, with a focus on hills and stop signs. No brine was used for pretreating as the city received rain prior to the snowfall.

There have been reports of damaged mailboxes, with three incidents reported in Greyhawke and one each on Eagle Parkway and 134th. Additionally, there have been reports of snow piles in front of mailboxes in various parts of the city. Staff addressed these issues the next day. R&S stated that they will take care of the mailbox damage they may have caused.

Meeting Schedule

Just a reminder that a number of upcoming meetings have been cancelled or moved:

- The March 21 meeting is cancelled due to Spring Break
- The April 4 meeting is moved to April 3 due to the April 4 municipal election
- The July 4 meeting is cancelled for the Holiday and City Hall is closed July 3 & 4
- The August 1 meeting has been cancelled as Mayor Boley will be out of town.